



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2021 to 06/30/2021

Lolo National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach EIS *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 11/28/2012	01/2013	Susan Ellsworth 775-355-5313 susanellsworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States.				
	Web Link: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nationwide.				
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/29/2014	Expected:04/2015	04/2015	Debbie Mucklow 406-758-6464 dmucklow@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of existing outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827				
North Fork Blackfoot River Fish Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Teton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.				
	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:02/2021	07/2021	John Slown 406-329-3749 jslown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize pesticide use permit and use of normally prohibited activities in designated wilderness. Would allow fish treatment and stocking project by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks in Scapegoat Wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59396				
	Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is entirely within the Scapegoat Wilderness area, approximately 15 miles east northeast of Ovando, Montana.				

Lolo National Forest Missoula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region	
Missoula Parks and Recreation 2 Year Special Use Permit for Outfitting/Guiding Re-issuance CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2015	Expected:05/2015	06/2015	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of a 2 year Special Use Permit for Outfitting and Guiding to provide hiking, biking, and Nordic skiing services on the Missoula Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue mountain recreation area, Pattee canyon Recreation Area, Lolo Creek, and Montana Snowbowl.				

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Sapphire Crest Trail CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Trail construction and reconstruction to connect existing trail segments, creating a 100-mile long non-motorized trail across the Lolo, Bitterroot, and Beaverhead National Forests on the Sapphire Divide.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32247				
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T12N, R19W, Sections 12,13; T12N, R18W, Sections 18, 19, 20,21,27,28 and 24; T11N, R18W, Sections 3,10,15,22,27,26 and 36 and T10N, R18 W, Section 2. Sapphire Divide.				
Wildfire Adapted Missoula EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/06/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2021	Expected:02/2022	03/2022	Michael Albritton (406) 329-3750 Michael.Albritton@usda.gov
	Description: WAM is a risk-based strategic fuels management project. It proposes mechanized and non-mechanized fuel and vegetation treatments to reduce wildfire hazard and associated risk in strategic locations.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58943				
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project surrounds the communities of Missoula, Lolo, East Missoula, Bonner, Clinton, and Turah (approx. 158,725 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands).				

Lolo National Forest	Ninemile Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Lolo National Forest Ninemile Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Sawmill-Petty Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/29/2020	Expected:03/2021	07/2021	Tami Paulsen 406-329-3731 tpaulsen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed treatments to accomplish the project objectives include tree thinning and slashing, prescribed fire, weed treatments, and road treatments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57030				
	Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral, Missoula. LEGAL - SE 1/4 , NE 1/4, S 34, T14N, R 23W, MT Meridian. South of I-90 and Alberton and Huson, MT in Sawmill, Reservoir, Petty, Peppard, Tank, and Corral Creek drainages.				

Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
A-BLT Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/08/2021	Expected:04/2021	07/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposal includes vegetation, road, and watershed management activities to address multiple resource objectives.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57645				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Sections 14-16, 19-23, 26-30, and 34-35, T21N, R31W, P.M.M. Project is located about 10 miles west of Thompson Falls in the Antimony, Cox, Everson, Buster Brown, Lucky Boy, and Therriault drainages, which are tributary to Prospect Creek.				

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Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
BMU 22 Compliance EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/15/2021	Expected:03/2021	07/2021	David Wrobleski 406-826-4321 dwrobleski@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project includes management actions on specific roads and trails to comply with Forest Plan access standards for wheeled motorized vehicle use within the portion of the Cabinet-Yaak Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone that overlaps the Lolo National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56661				
Big Hole Trails Project CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North of Thompson Falls.				
	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/01/2021	07/2021	Michael Church 406-826-4319 michael.church@usda.gov
	Description: Development of new trailhead to provide a larger parking area; construction of 0.6 miles of new non-motorized trail to connect the new trailhead to Trail #368; and adding 3.9 miles of non-motorized trail to the National Forest trail system.				
Burt Livestock Area Special Use Permit CE	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Weeksville drainage, west of Plains.				
	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/04/2020	Expected:03/2021	07/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of 10-year Special Use Permit for installation of approximately 700 feet of fence and incidental grazing of 2-6 horses on 28 acres of isolated NFS land in McLaughlin Creek.				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Section 6, T19N, R24W, P.M.M. McLaughlin Creek near Paradise, MT.				

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Deemer-Henry EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/24/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2021	Expected:12/2021	07/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 patricia.partyka@usda.gov
	Description: Project includes vegetation and road management activities to reduce forest fuels, improve forest health, support communities, and address road travel management conflict. Project also includes forest plan amendment to correct mapping error.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59556				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located about 4 miles east of Plains, Montana in the Deemer and Henry Creek drainages.				
Fishtrap Lake Trail Extension Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/01/2021	07/2021	Michael Church 406-826-4319 michael.church@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of 1 mile of non-motorized trail to extend the existing Trail 1104 around the southeast side of Fishtrap Lake and connect it back to the campground and day use area.				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fishtrap Lake.				
Plains/Thompson Falls RD Blowdown Salvage CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/09/2021	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 patricia.partyka@usda.gov
	Description: Removal of blown down and wind damaged trees in 5 specific areas on the Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District: Finley Flats, Prospect Creek, Thompson Falls Administrative Site, Graves Creek, and Swamp Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59640				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Sec. 27, T23N, R30W; Sec. 21, T21N, R30W; Sec. 3, T21N, R29W; Sec. 36, T23N, R30W; Sec. 23, T20N, R27W. Finley Flats, Prospect Creek, Thompson Falls Administrative Site, Graves Creek, and Swamp Creek.				

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Wilkes Cherry EA	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2021	Expected:08/2022	07/2024	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is developing an integrated project to address multiple resource needs such as forest health, fuels reduction, recreation, wildlife and aquatic habitat, and watershed condition within a 63,000-acres area south of Thompson Falls.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59163				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dry, Cherry, Wilkes, and Daisy Creek drainages south of Thompson Falls, Montana.				

Lolo National Forest Seeley Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Westside Bypass Wildfire Resiliency Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/08/2021	07/2021	Elizabeth Tichner 406-329-3480 elizabeth.tichner@usda.gov
	Description: This project is being developed to address forest fuels concerns on the western/northwestern side of Seeley Lake while improving species composition and forest structure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58877				
	Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T17N R15W Sects. 5-8, 18-20, 28-33. This project area is about 2 miles northwest of Seeley Lake, MT, along the western side of Seeley Lake, accessible by County Rd 77 and NFS Rd 2190.				

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Cruzane Mountain EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 01/20/2021	01/2021	Elizabeth Tichner 406-329-3480 elizabeth.tichner@usda.gov
	Description: We are proposing to implement commercial and non-commercial vegetation management, which includes fuel treatments, on approximately 1615 acres. Additionally, we are proposing to complete ecosystem maintenance burning over approximately 1136 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56156				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T19 R30 Sections 6- 8, 17-20 and T19 R31 Sections 1, 2, 11-14. The project area is approx. 3 miles west of Haugen and northeast of Saltese in Mineral County, MT. It is located between Interstate 90 and NFS Road 288. It is bounded by Packer Creek (W), East Fork Packer Creek (N), and McManus Creek (NE/E).				
Durant Access Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2020	Expected:03/2021	07/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: 20-year Special Use Permit for use and maintenance of approximately 0.22 miles of Road 16950 across NFS land to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 9, T17N, R26W, P.M.M. Pardee Creek near Superior, MT.				
Idaho Forest Group Deer Creek Access Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use permit request from Idaho Forest Group (IFG) to construct, use, and maintain approximately 0.6 miles of new permanent road across National Forest System land to access their isolated 40-acre parcel in Section 31, T19N, R29W, P.M.M.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 1, T18N, R29W, P.M.M. Deer Creek drainage, approximately 1.5 miles south of DeBorgia.				
Managhan Access Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2020	Expected:03/2021	07/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: 20-year Special use Permit to use and maintain approximately 3 miles of National Forest System Road 3802 and to construct 1800 feet of new road across NFS land to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Sections 1 & 2, T18N, R29W; Section 6 T18N, R28W, Section 35, T19N, R29W, P.M.M. Boyd Mountain area near St. Regis, MT.				

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Paulsen Access Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2020	Expected:03/2021	07/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: 20-year Special Use Permit to construct, use and maintain approximately 0.35 miles of new ATV trail and reconstruct an additional 0.4 miles of existing non-system trail across NFS lands to access private land.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 19, T15N, R26W; and Section 24, T15N, R27 W, P.M.M. Trout Creek near Superior, MT.				
Prosperity, Tarbox, and Black Traveler Silver Exploration Projects CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/29/2020	Expected:02/2021	08/2021	David Gerwe dgerwe@fs.fed.us
	Description: Siler Trend Mines, LLC has submitted applications to dig trenches with an excavator and drill core holes with a drill rig on 3 old mine sites to help define hard rock silver resources on mining claims in Keystone Gulch and two areas north of Saltese.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Keystone Gulch north of Superior and two sites north of Saltese.				
Redd Bull EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/01/2021	Expected:06/2021	09/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Integrated restoration project that includes vegetation, road, and recreation management activities to address multiple resource objectives. Project also includes forest plan amendment to change the management area allocation on approx. 198 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56574				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T17 and 18N, R28 and 29W, P.M.M. South of St. Regis between Interstate 90 and the Montana/Idaho border within the Dry, Cold, Little Joe, Twomile, and Ward Creek drainages.				

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Storm Peak Trail Reroute CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/08/2021	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Heather Berman 406 -210-5287 heather.berman@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of approximately 0.5 miles of motorized trail to reroute the existing trail segment away from private land and connect it to the recently developed trailhead.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 0.5 miles south of Haugan.				
Thompson Creek Trail Reroute CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/08/2021	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Heather Berman 406-210-5287 Heather.Berman@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of approximately 2.2 miles of new non-motorized trail to reroute the existing trail away from private land, as well as move the trail out of a seasonally flooded area.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 3 air miles southwest of Superior.				

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